

Committee on Rules, Orders, Appointments, & Ordinances

Councilor David A. Murphy
Councilor Maureen T. Carney
Councilor Ryan R. O'Donnell

City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street
Northampton, Massachusetts

12/8/2014 - Minutes

1. Meeting Called To Order

At 5:00pm Councilor Murphy called the meeting to order.

1.I. Members Present/Absent

Present: Councilor Murphy; Councilor O'Donnell, Councilor Carney

1.II. Announcement Of Audio/Video Recording Of Meeting

Councilor Dwight announced that the meeting would be video taped.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approve Minutes Of The Previous Meeting

3.I. Minutes Of The November 10, 2014 Meeting

Councilor O'Donnell moved to approve the minutes of November 10, 2014; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The minutes were approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

4. Appointments For Committee Approval

4.I. New Appointment To The Arts Council (Referred From City Council On Sept. 18, 2014)

Cassandra Kellam-this candidate has been vetted by the Mayor's Office. Councilor Carney will continue to try to contact between now and the time the next City Council meeting is scheduled. The Councilor moved to return a positive recommendation to the City Council, provided she has the opportunity to speak to Ms. Kellam; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

4.II. Appointment Of The Board Of Almoners (Referred From City Council On Nov. 6, 2014)

Ms. Murray has been a member of the Board of Almoners for the past seven years. Councilor O'Donnell moved to return a positive recommendation back to the City Council; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

5. Orders And Ordinances For Review

5.I. Ordinances For Middle Street Florence: Limited & No Parking Certain Times (Referred From City Council

Dec. 4, 2014)

Ordinance 312-103: This ordinance was replaced by 312-104 Schedule III - Limited Time Parking. It is no longer under consideration.

Councilor Murphy indicated that the Rules committee approved 312-104 Schedule III - Limited Time Parking earlier this year. Councilor Carney moved that the Ordinance be returned to the City Council with a positive recommendation once again. Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

- 5.II. Ordinances Regarding Plastic Bag Reduction (Referred From City Council On Sept. 18 & Oct. 2, 2014)
This Ordinance is currently under review by the Committee on Economic and Community Development, Housing and Land Use. Both sponsors of the Ordinance will be at the meeting scheduled for Dec. 17th. Therefore, the Committee on Rules, Orders, Appointments and Ordinances will table this discussion until ECDHLU reviews in Committee.
- 5.III. Ordinances Regarding Salaries And Benefits For Elected Officials (Referred From City Council Nov. 20, 2014)

Regarding the Ordinance that addresses Elected Official Benefits, Councilor Carney requested that the Mayor's Office research whether the provision of benefits is required under state law. If so, it is requested that the appropriate section of the law be cited in the Ordinance.

All of the Ordinances were reviewed by the committee. Councilor O'Donnell motioned to return the Ordinances to the City Council with neutral recommendations. Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

- 5.IV. 14.311 Order To Amend Council Rules To Add A DPW Committee
While this item was not referred by City Council, it was placed on the agenda "just in case". Since this item was discussed in City Council and passed first reading, a lengthy review by Committee was not necessary. The Order received a positive recommendation from the Committee.

6. New Business
None

7. Adjourn
At 5:40pm Councilor O'Donnell motioned to adjourn; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

*Respectfully submitted by
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